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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer
for the Near East and South Asia

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Iranian Dissidents

Where does the intellectual dissident element in Iran come from? Are these students who come to our country and become dissatisfied with Iranian ways and then return? I get the impression that this does not happen in Saudi Arabia because when they get home they get so wealthy. Is it different in Iran? Why does the Shah permit so many students to stay in this country if they end up causing him problems?

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